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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH.

1. PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH BEFORE THE GALA ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 8 WAS EVERYTHING THAT COULD BE EXPECTED ON SUCH AN OCCASION; A PAEN TO HISTORY OF BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, TO SUCCESSES SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE REGIME, AND, OF COURSE, TO BROTHERHOOD WITH USSR. SPEECH WAS MAINLY A REITERATION OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BULGARIAN LINE, BUT WITH SOME SLIGHT CHANGES OF EMPHASIS.

2. ZHIVKOV CHARACTERIZED BULGARIAN REVOLUTION AS "CONTINUATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, IN BULGARIAN CONDITIONS", OF USSR OCTOBER REVOLUTION. THIRTY YEARS AFTER THE LATTER EVENT, SOCIALISM BECAME A WORLD SYSTEM THAT CONTINUES TO DEVELOP

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AS FORMER COLONIES ARE BECOMING ALLIES OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY

AND STRUGGLE OF WORKING PEOPLE IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES GROWS IN SCOPE. HE DESCRIBED CAPITALISM AS "AN ANTIHUMAN AND UNJUST SYSTEM OF SOCIAL CONTRASTS, UNEMPLOYMENT, INSECURITY FOR THE MORROW, A SYSTEM OF MORAL DEGRADATION, CORRUPTION AND CRIME", INCAPABLE IN HIGHLY DEVELOPED STATE OF SOLVING "EVEN ONE OF MAIN PROBLEMS OF GROWTH OF PERSONALITY". HE CONCLUDED THIS LESS INTERESTING PART OF SPEECH BY DECLAMINE THAT THERE ARE NOW MORE SOLID GROUNDS THAN THIRTY YEARS AGO TO DECLARE THAT THIS IS EPOCH OF TRANSITION FROM CAPITALISM TO SOCIALISM.

3. IN PRAISING BULGARIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ZHIVKOV STRESSED "EXTEMLY POSITIVE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CEMA), BUT LATER IN SPEECH ADMITTED THAT "UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES OF SOCIALIST SYSTEM" AND CEMA WERE NOT BEING FULLY UTILIZED, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFY IN WHAT WAY. HE FURTHER ADMITTED AN AWARENESS OF "EXISTING OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE DIFFICULTIES, OF UNSOLVED PROBLEMS AND SHORTCOMINGS IN THE SPHERE OF MATERIAL PRODUCTION, IN TRADE AND SUPPLY, IN COMMUNAL SERVICES AND TRANSPORT AND IN SETTLEMENT OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM".

4. TURNING TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ZHIVKOV DECLARED THAT CP USSR AND BCP "ARE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ALL-ROUND COOPERATION AND EVER CLOSER UNITY BETWEEN BULGARIA AND THE SOVIET UNION" AND THAT "MILITANT FRIENDSHIP" LINKED BULGARIA WITH GDR, POLAND, ROMANIA, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MONGOLIA, NORTH VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA AND "WITH THE ISLAND OF FREEDOM - CUBA". WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA HE SAID BULGARIA IS MAKING CONSTANT EFFORTS, WITH SOME SUCCESS, TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. ADDED GOB WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TIES AND COOPERATION WITH ALBANIA. HE CONCLUDED THAT TIME WAS RIPE TO "CONVENE A EUROPEAN AND AFTER THAT A WORLD-WIDE CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES.

5. THE POSITION ON CHINA HE SAID, WAS CLEAR. BULGARIA BELIEVES "ADVENTUROUS, REVISIONIST AND NATIONALISTIC COURSE" OF MAO TSE-TUNG IS THREAT TO SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENT OF CHINESE PEOPLE, AND BULGARIA "RESOLUTELY REPUDIATES AND CONDEMNS ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-COMMUNIST SLANDERS OF PEKING". (AT THIS POINT, CHINESE AMBASSADOR WALKED OUT OF ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED BY HIS ALBANIAN COLLEAGUE.).

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6. ZHIVKOV SAID BULGARIA "WELCOMES THE BIG, POSITIVE CHANGES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE IN RECENT "YEARS", CALLING THEM REALIZATION OF LENINIST PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE FOR MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS CO-OPERATION WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT ARMS RACE WERE ALSO WELCOMED AND HOPE EXPRESSED THERE WOULD BE MORE EXTENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. HE ALSO CALLED FOR SUCCESSFUL

CONCLUSION OF CSCE.

7. WHILE WELCOMING COEXISTANCE AND STEPS TOWARD DISARMAMENT, ZHIVKOV WARNED THERE ARE STILL INFLUENTIAL IMPERIALIST CIRCLES OPENLY EXPRESSING HOSTILITY TOWARDS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND CITED CYPRUS, WHERE COUP WAS INSPIRED BY "CERTAIN CIRCLES OF NATO" AND SAME CIRCLES NOW HAMPER PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. BULGARIA INSISTS ON SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF "FRIENDLY CYPRUS" AND SINCERELY WISHES THAT GREECE AND TURKEY SHOULD LIVE IN PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING WITH IT AND WITH EACH OTHER.

8. THERE WERE REFERENCES TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE GUARANTEEING OF RIGHTS OF ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR NORTH VIETNAM, ALL OF WHICH ARE LONG STANDING THEMES OF BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT. PERORATION TERMS THE BCP "THE LOYAL MARXIST-LENINIST DETACHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT, ORGANIZER AND LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN OUR COUNTRY -- THE MIND, THE HONOR AND CONSCIENCE, THE PRIDE AND HOPE OF OUR PEOPLE".  
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